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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James L. Ellis of North Chicago, who passed away on July 7, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, James L. Ellis was born on March 3, 1947 in Shawneetown; his parents were Hobart Ellis, Sr. and Lucille (Rice) Ellis; and

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WHEREAS, James L. Ellis served with pride and distinction as a member of the United States Marine Corps, receiving the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and two Purple Heart Medals; and

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WHEREAS, James L. Ellis had a devoted career as the Fifth Ward Alderman for the City of North Chicago, serving on several committees; he also served as business owner of the Valero Gas Station in North Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, James L. Ellis found peace and enjoyment in gardening, hunting, and fishing, yet always made his family the highest priority; and

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WHEREAS, James L. Ellis was preceded in death by his parents, Hobart Ellis, Sr. and Lucille Ellis, and his brothers,

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1 Hobart Ellis, Jr., Eugene Ellis, and Ben Ellis; and

2 WHEREAS, James L. Ellis is survived by his wife of 40  
3 years, Carol; his sons, Andrew (Lisa) and Robert (Shena); his  
4 sister, Violet L. Staples; his brother, David (Loretta); his  
5 sister-in-law, Evelyn Ellis; his grandchildren, Auriel,  
6 Khadijah, Amani, Damien, Ashley, Robert, Jr., Jovonte, and  
7 Andrew; and his many other relatives and dear friends;  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
11 his family and friends, the passing of James L. Ellis; and be  
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of James L. Ellis as an expression of  
15 our sympathy.